

Reporting on the Rainforest: A Non-Fiction Task

Learning objective: To identify and use the features of a non-chronological report.

Read the report written by Bea the Honeybee about the Amazon Rainforest. Once you have finished reading, answer the questions below. You may colour the borders of this page with patterns inspired by the rainforest plants.

The Amazon Rainforest is a vast, tropical forest located in South America. It is often called the 'lungs of the Earth' because its trees produce so much oxygen. The climate is warm and very humid, meaning it rains frequently throughout the year. The rainforest is a habitat for millions of different species, including colourful macaws, jaguars, and tiny tree frogs. Protecting this environment is very important for the health of our planet.

Word bank: Subheading · Fact · Habitat · Introduction · Caption · Non-fiction

1. Why is the Amazon Rainforest often described as the 'lungs of the Earth'? (2 marks)

2. List two features that you would expect to see in a non-chronological report that are missing from the passage above. (2 marks)

3. Based on the text, what kind of weather can a visitor expect in the rainforest? (1 mark)

4. Is this passage a piece of fiction or non-fiction? Give one reason for your answer. (2 marks)

5. If you were writing a full report, what subheadings would you use to organise your information? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a detailed diagram of a rainforest animal or plant in the space below. Remember to add a scientific label and a short caption to explain your drawing, just like a real researcher would!



Extension challenge: Choose one animal from the rainforest and write three bullet-pointed facts about it. Use at least one technical term from the word bank in your sentences.